

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.- Absent

COUNCILORS: Tonita Gurule-Giroñ
Vince Howell
Joey Herrera – Mayor Pro Tem
David L. Romero

ALSO PRESENT: Elmer J. Martinez, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Dave Romero, City Attorney
Juan Montano, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Pro Tem Herrera asked Councilor Gurule-Giroñ to lead the moment of silence.

Councilor Gurule-Giroñ thanked everyone for the work they do at the City of Las Vegas, thanked God for the snow the community is getting and hopes there will be more and for health and peace.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Gurule-Giroñ and Councilor Romero seconded the motion

Mayor Pro Tem Herrera asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

David L. Romero
Tonita Gurule-Giroñ

Yes
Yes

Joey Herrera
Vince Howell

Yes
Yes

City Clerk Casandra Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

City Manager Martinez advised Mayor Ortiz Jr. was absent from the meeting as he was in Santa Fe at the Legislature.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS

None at this time.

MAYOR'S RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION

None at this time

PUBLIC INPUT

Bob Wessely spoke to the Governing body relating to protecting the water supply of the community.

CITY MANAGER'S INFORMATIONAL REPORT

City Manager Martinez advised the following meeting several presentations would be coming before the Governing Body.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrera advised there is a huge concern of the leakage in the community as far as youth activities and recreation. Three years ago the governing body discussed plans for a family fun center but there are no available funds to make that a priority at this moment. Mayor Pro Tem Herrera asked City Manager Martinez and Directors to work together and come up with a plan to prevent a lot of the leakage when it comes to entertainment and activities that aren't available in the community.

City Manager Martinez advised that information will be covered in the Buxton report along with the Recreation Center.

Discussion took place regarding the information and accessibility of the data provided by Buxton.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Out of State Travel for 5 officers to attend a High Risk Warrant course for narcotics related operations.

Police Chief Montano advised the Las Vegas Police Department and Region IV narcotics Task Force respectfully request permission to send five officers to a High Risk Warrant course in Fresno, CA with funding provided through the 2104 Region IV Justice Assistance Grant. Police Chief Montano advised three officers will travel by airplane and two will drive to transport ammunition and weapons that they will need during the training.

Questions were asked regarding what was covered under the grant funding.

Police Chief Montano advised the grant covers all expenses under the grant including some overtime that may be acquired during the time of the travel.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

2. Ambulance Contract Renewal.

Fire Chief Mares advised Superior Ambulance was awarded the contract for Emergency Ambulance Services on February 13, 2013. Approval is needed for annual renewal. There have been no changes to the contract and only renewing it for the year.

Discussion took place regarding safety and the ambulance service. Residents on Dalbey Drive have made contact with members of the Governing Body that the ambulance is going the wrong way on the one way street and some Police Officers as well. The Governing Body asked that the ambulance company speak to their staff regarding the issue.

Fire Chief Mares advised he was under the impression that issue had been addressed with the ambulance staff and advised the supervisor in the audience would speak to the staff regarding the safety concern.

Questions were asked if call response time had improved over the last few years.

Fire Chief Mares advised it's a very time consuming process and conducts random checks with the Police Department Dispatch to track call response time and provide a report to the ambulance company.

Questions were asked about the ambulance company servicing the county area.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

3. Resolution #15-08 Budget Adjustment Resolution.

Finance Director Gallegos advised the Governing Body there is a need for increasing or decreasing the Fiscal Year 2015 budgeted revenues or

expenditures, transfers in and out of various funds. Finance Director Gallegos explained each fund and line item that needed adjusting and the justification.

Questions were asked about the YCC Grant and if the City was able to capture all the funds.

City Manager Martinez advised not all the funds were captured from the grant; the City lost approximately half of the grant funding. City Manager Martinez advised he wants to hold a workshop to inform the Governing Body of all current and upcoming projects.

Questions and discussion took place regarding the Housing Authority's funds and the YCC Grant.

The Governing Body agreed to *not* place the item as a consent agenda item so more information could be provided.

4. Resolution #15-06, adopting the City of Las Vegas' Section 3 Plan.

City Manager Martinez advised adoption of the Section 3 Plan is a requirement for compliance of the CDBG Grant application process. City Manager Martinez advised the Governing Body had previously adopted all three plans under one resolution but each is to be adopted separately.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

5. Resolution #15-09, adopting the City of Las Vegas' Citizen Participation Plan.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

6. Resolution #15-10, a resolution adopting the City of Las Vegas' Citizen Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

7. Award bid for Taylor Well No. 7 Blending to Hay's Plumbing & Heating Inc.

Project Manager Maria Gilvarry advised the Governing Body that the 2011 Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) included Taylor Well No. 7 Project. To increase the potable water supply, the City approved the design of a project that would blend water from Well No. 7 with water from Well No. 2, 2R and 4. Phase II included the installation of a new water tank at Taylor Well 4 and a booster pump station at the Valencia Tank which will allow approximately 800,000 GPD from Taylor Well Field to be used in Zones 2 and 3.

Questions were asked about the water blending process and testing to ensure the water meets states standard for drinking.

Councilor Gurule-Giron advised she did have concerns and possibly more questions and was ok with it being placed as a consent agenda item for the time being and would request it removed from the consent agenda for the following meeting should she have more questions.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

8. Award bid for Camp Luna Water Tank Rehabilitation to Hays Plumbing & Heating Inc.

Project Manager Gilvarry advised the Governing Body the purpose of the project is to drain, clean, repaint and make structural improvements to the 2.5 million gallon Camp Luna Water Tank. This project also included the construction of two supplemental water tanks at Camp Luna and Cabin Site for the purpose of maintaining pressure to customers supplied by the tank. Three bids were received on January 21, 2015, Hays Plumbing & Heating Inc. were the lowest bidder in the amount of \$883,480.83 not including NMGR.

Questions were asked about the subcontractors listed within the bid and how much the cost of the actual tank would cost and warranty.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

9. Amendment #3 to the URS/(Now AECOM) contract for the Bradner Reservoir Enlargement Project.

Project Manager Maria Gilvarry advised the Governing Body that based on new data collected from the test pit excavations completed in January 2015; URS is recommending additional drilling to investigate material properties. Project Manager Gilvarry advised additional fee is within the contingencies estimate.

Questions were asked if all testing were completed to avoiding running into the same problems that occurred with the Peterson Reservoir.

Project Manager Gilvarry advised that since the reservoir has been drained, more conclusive tests can be done in order to proceed.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

10. Award bid #2015-21 for Gas meters to M&M Sales Inc.

Project Manager Gilvarry advised the Gas Division went out for competitive sealed bids for gas meters. These meters are needed to complete the

Automated Meter Reading project. The project is approximately 90% complete. Project Manager Gilvarry advised the purchase of these meters will allow for completion of the project.

Questions were asked why the additional meters were being purchased now then when the project first began and if the City received a bulk discount on the amount of meters purchased.

Utilities Director Garcia advised the project was started mid fiscal year and the additional meter cost was planned into the current budget.

Discussion took place on the reliability and accuracy of the new meters.

Councilor Howell commended the staff that helped an individual that received an extremely high bill and corrected the situation for the person.

Utilities Director Garcia advised the new meters have helped the Utilities Department detect leaks throughout the community which is helping alleviate a lot of the misreads of meters.

The Governing Body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrera asked Utilities Director to prepare a presentation of water projects for the next meeting and how over the last three years the Governing Body has moved forward to correct the water situation facing the community.

Discussion took place regarding the water projects and now the Governing Body needs to focus on economic development in the community and utilize the Buxton data to help the community.

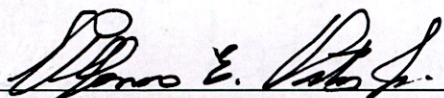
Councilor Gurule-Giroń made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Howell seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrera asked that a roll call be taken and reflected the following.

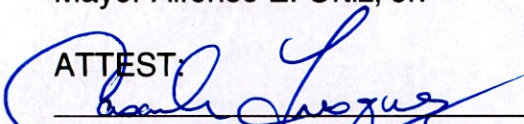
David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	Vince Howell	Yes

City Clerk Casandra Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

ADJOURN



Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST: 

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk